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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : The Peacetime/Wartime Transition Problem

1. The basic problem flagged in Boyd Sutton's 18 March memorandum, which Ed Proctor forwarded to you on 19 March, and in my 22 March note forwarding General Sutton's expression of appreciation, is defined by four questions:

(1) What is the role of the DCI in a wartime situation, or in a period of capital-C crisis in which there is a serious, imminent possibility of general war?

(2) What is the role of the national intelligence structure and, particularly, the CIA in such a wartime/capital-C crisis period?

(3) What mechanisms and procedures will support the DCI in playing his (now-undefined) role in such a situation?

(4) Through what mechanisms and procedures will the CIA support (a) the DCI and (b) the national effort in such a situation?

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